

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

### I CLAIM:

1. **(Currently amended)** An improved golf club comprising:
  - a head;
  - ~~a shaft;~~
  - a grip;
  - a shaft connecting the grip to the head; and
  - a sliding grip portion adapted to slide on the grip.
2. **(Original)** The golf club of Claim 1, wherein:
  - the grip includes a lower grip portion and an upper grip portion;
  - upper grip portion includes an upper stop and a lower stop; and
  - the sliding of the sliding grip portion is limited by the upper stop and the lower stop.
3. **(Original)** The golf club of Claim 2, wherein the sliding of the sliding grip portion is limited by the upper stop and the lower stop to a travel of approximately two inches to approximately three inches.
4. **(Original)** The golf club of Claim 3, wherein the sliding of the sliding grip portion is limited by the upper stop and the lower stop a travel of approximately two inches.
5. **(Original)** The golf club of Claim 1, wherein the sliding grip portion is between approximately three and one half inches long to approximately four and one half inches long.
6. **(Original)** The golf club of Claim 1, wherein the sliding grip portion is approximately four inches long.

7. **(Original)** The golf club of Claim 1, wherein the sliding grip portion is between approximately one inch in diameter to approximately one and one quarter inches in diameter.
8. **(Original)** The golf club of Claim 1, wherein the sliding grip portion is approximately one inch in diameter.
9. **(Withdrawn)** The golf club of Claim 1, wherein the sliding grip portion is keyed to the grip to prevent rotation of the sliding grip portion with respect to the grip.
10. **(Original)** The golf club of Claim 1, wherein the sliding grip portion is rotatable about the grip.
11. **(Original)** The golf club of Claim 1, wherein the golf club is a wood.
12. **(Original)** The golf club of Claim 1, wherein the golf club is a iron.
13. **(Original)** The golf club of Claim 1, wherein the golf club is a putter.
14. **(Withdrawn)** An improved golf club comprising:  
a head;  
a shaft;  
a grip; and  
an angularly offset upper grip.
15. **(Withdrawn)** The golf club of Claim 14, wherein the angularly offset upper grip is between approximately five eighths inches and approximately one and one half inches in diameter.

16. **(Withdrawn)** The golf club of Claim 14, wherein the angularly offset upper grip is between approximately six inch long to an approximately twelve inch long.
17. **(Withdrawn)** The golf club of Claim 14, wherein the grip has an upper end, and wherein the angularly offset upper grip is approximately eleven inches long and extends approximately eight inches beyond the grip upper end.
18. **(Withdrawn)** The golf club of Claim 14, wherein the angularly offset upper grip is offset between approximately two degrees to approximately twenty degrees from a centerline of the shaft.
19. **(Withdrawn)** The golf club of Claim 14, wherein the angularly offset upper grip is offset between approximately nine degrees from a centerline of the shaft.
20. **(Withdrawn)** The golf club of Claim 14, wherein the angularly offset upper grip is clocked counter-clockwise between approximately ninety two degrees to approximately one hundred and ten degrees from a face of the head.
21. **(Withdrawn)** The golf club of Claim 14, wherein the angularly offset upper grip is clocked counter-clockwise approximately ninety five degrees from the face of the head.
22. **(Withdrawn)** The golf club of Claim 14, wherein the grip has an upper end, and wherein a centerline of the angularly offset upper grip intersects a centerline of the shaft between approximately one inch to approximately five inches from the upper end.
23. **(Withdrawn)** The golf club of Claim 14, wherein the golf club is an iron.
24. **(Withdrawn)** The golf club of Claim 14, wherein the golf club is a wood.
25. **(Withdrawn)** An improved golf club comprising:

a grip;  
a shaft having an upper shaft portion and a lower shaft portion; and  
a head,  
wherein the upper shaft portion has approximately twice the flex of the lower shaft portion.

26. **(Withdrawn)** The golf club of Claim 25, wherein:

the upper shaft portion is a region approximately three inches in length and between approximately fourteen and approximately sixteen inches from a grip upper end;

the lower shaft portion tapers down in diameter from a shank to the upper shaft portion; and

the upper shaft portion has a diameter approximately equal to the smallest diameter of the lower shaft portion.

1 27. **(New)** An improved golf club comprising:

2 a head;

3 a grip;

4 a shaft connecting the grip to the head

5 an upper grip portion of the grip;

6 a lower grip portion of the grip residing between the upper grip portion and the  
7 shaft; and

8 a sliding grip portion adapted to slide on the upper grip portion.

28. **(New)** The gold club of Claim 27, wherein the lower grip portion is constant diameter.

29. **(New)** The gold club of Claim 27, wherein the lower grip portion is tapered.

30. **(New)** The gold club of Claim 27, wherein the grip includes a lower stop to limit the movement of the sliding grip.

31. **(New)** The gold club of Claim 30, wherein the lower stop resides on the upper grip portion.

32. **(New)** The gold club of Claim 27, wherein the grip includes an upper stop to limit the movement of the sliding grip.

33. **(New)** The gold club of Claim 27, wherein the sliding grip slides longitudinally on the upper grip portion.

34. **(New)** The gold club of Claim 27, wherein the sliding grip rotates on the upper grip portion.

35. **(New)** The gold club of Claim 27, wherein the sliding grip slides longitudinally and rotates on the upper grip portion.